

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3619 – SB 3461

March 12, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013777):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Directs the court to require a surety bond from the person filing an action to challenge the issuance of a license or permit for an equine slaughter or processing facility. Requires the bond amount to be set at 20 percent of the estimated cost of building the facility or the operational costs of an existing facility. Exempts indigent persons from the bonding requirements. Directs that if the bond is not paid within 30 days of filing the action, the action must be dismissed. Specifies venue for such actions. Authorizes the court to award attorney fees and costs incurred in certain circumstances. Directs that if a person files such an action, and the action does not prevail, the person is liable for all financial losses suffered by the facility if the court issues an injunction that halts operations while the action is pending.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, this bill will not affect the caseloads of the state trial or appellate courts.
- According to the Department of Agriculture, this bill will not require additional inspections; therefore, the fiscal impact to state government is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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